

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

“System and Method for Deferred Rebalancing of a Tree Data Structure”

the specification of which (check one):

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on October 11, 2001

as U.S. Application No. 09/976,931

or PCT International Application No. _____

and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s):

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

NONE

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POWER OF ATTORNEY: I hereby appoint the attorney(s) and/or agent(s) associated with the customer number **22830** to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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